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SUBJECT: TEXTILES

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1. THE DEPARTMENT CALLED IN ANDRZEZ WERNER, POLISH
EMBASSY COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, SEPTEMBER 9, TO PROTEST
(1) POLAND'S OVERSHIPPING ITS AGREED CATEGORY 221 LIMIT
AND (2) POLAND'S FAILURE TO SIGN THE MAN-MADE AND WOOL
FIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED LAST MAY. WERNER
REPLIED THAT FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSION SEVERAL WEEKS AGO,
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HE HAD, AS PROMISED, QUERIED HIS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
TRADE REGARDING THE UNSIGNED AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT
HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED AN ANSWER, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE
AUGUST HOLIDAY SEASON. HE STATED THAT NOW HE WOULD ALSO
ASK HIS GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE OVERSHIPPING IN CATEGORY 221.
(ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JOSEF SOLDZAK WROTE IN HIS AUGUST
11 LETTER TO US THAT POLAND WOULD LIMIT SHIPMENTS IN THIS

CATEGORY TO 2,750,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT (SYE) BUT OUR DATA SHOWS IMPORTS HAD REACHED 3,256,000 SYE AT THE END OF JUNE).

2. WE POINTED OUT TO WERNER THAT POLAND'S UNWILLINGNESS TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WE HAD NEGOTIATED IN GOOD FAITH AND TO ABIDE BY ASSURANCES MADE TO US ON CONTROLLING TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE U.S. WAS A SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO A PROPER ATMOSPHERE FOR THE PROPOSED TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS IN OCTOBER (REFTEL). WERNER SAID THAT HE COULD NOT AT THIS TIME COMMENT FURTHER FOR HIS GOVERNMENT EXCEPT TO REITERATE THE POINT HE HAD MADE TO US ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, NAMELY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD EXPECTED A "SELECTIVE" NOT A "COMPREHENSIVE" AGREEMENT TO RESULT FROM THE MAY NEGOTIATIONS. BY "SELECTIVE", HE MEANT AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT INCLUDE THE PARAGRAPHS IN THE U.S. DRAFT NOTE WHICH OUTLINE THE VARIOUS DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

3. PLEASE EXPLAIN TO THE APPROPRIATE POLISH OFFICIALS THAT THE U.S. IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TWO TEXTILE ISSUES WE RAISED WITH WERNER. STRESS TO THEM THE IMPORTANCE OF POLAND'S STOPPING 221 SHIPMENTS AND SIGNING THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PROPOSED OCTOBER NEGOTIATIONS. VANCE
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